

HOUSE BILL 855

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58,  
Chapter 2, relative to the continuation of business  
during states of emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 2, is amended by adding  
the following as a new part:

**58-2-301.** This act is known and may be cited as the "Business Fairness Act."

**58-2-302.**

During the existence of a state of emergency declared pursuant to this chapter, a  
business entity may continue or resume its business if the business entity complies with  
safety precautions and guidelines issued by the governor, state department or agency,  
or a county or municipal governing body or agency acting in accordance with this  
chapter, or any executive order, proclamation, or rule issued pursuant to this chapter, to  
prevent a threat to the public caused by a pandemic, epidemic, or bioterrorism event, or  
the appearance of a novel or previously controlled or eradicated infectious agent or  
biological toxin.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.